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SUBJECT: SUDAN: STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED DUE TO FLOODS -
SITREP ONE

REF: KHARTOUM 3385 (NOTAL)

1. CHARGE MET WITH EEC AMBASSADORS AND UN OFFICIALS FOLLOWING
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NIMEIRI REPORTED REFTEL. CONSENSUS
WAS THAT SUDAN FACES EXTREMELY GRAVE DISASTER. RESCUE
OPERATION FOR ABOUT 500,000 PERSONS WILL BE REQUIRED
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FOR NEXT FIFTEEN DAYS. SPEEDY RELIEF RESPONSE IS CRITICAL.

2. NIMEIRI'S FIGURES AT PRESENT CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED
GUESSTIMATES. FIGURES BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH PROTD XPHC
OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT ABOUT 150,000 PEOPLE ARE WITHOUT
SHELTER AND THAT 56 VILLAGES WERE COMPLETELY DESTROYED.
U.N. IS TRYING TO COORDINATE ESTIMATES WITH SUDANESE GOVERN-

MENT TO SUBMIT TO UNRO.

3. MOST IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS OF DISASTER VICTIMS ARE FOR (1) FOOD AND COOKING FUEL, (2) MEDICINE AND WATER PURIFICATION FACILITIES AND (3) FOR SHELTER. MOST CRITICAL FACTOR, HOWEVER, MAY BE AVAILABILITY OF AVIATION FUEL IN KHARTOUM. FUEL SUPPLIES ARE CRITICALLY SHORT AND RAILROAD FROM PORT SUDAN TO KHARTOUM PROBABLY WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR AT LEAST 5-6 DAYS. ONLY AVAILABLE TRANSPORT IN DISASTER AREA IS BY DONKEY AND TRACTOR. NIMEIRI REQUESTED HELICOPTERS FROM BRITISH AMBASSADOR, BUT MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE AIR DROPS ARE ONLY POSSIBLE MEANS OF REACHING VICTIMS DURING 15 DAY RESCUE PHASE. ACUTE FUEL PROBLEM PLUS SERIES OF SEPARATE PROBLEMS IN PORT SUDAN PROBABLY MEANS THAT AIRLIFT WOULD HAVE TO BE MOUNTED FROM JIDDA OR POSSIBLY FROM EGYPT. LOGISTIC PROBLEMS ARE TRULY AWESOME.

4. CHARGE DECLARES DISASTER EMERGENCY PER AID HANDBOOK NO. 8 (2-FAM 060 TO 065). DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. AID REP GORDON PIERSON WILL SERVE AS COORDINATOR. MESSAGES WILL BE NUMBERED AS SITREP 1, ETC.
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